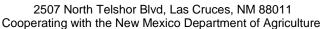
# **NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS**



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### CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Spring thaw was evident in northwestern areas, as irrigation ditches and streams began to increase in flow rate. Apricot trees were reported in full bloom. Strong winds were drying out soils throughout much of the northern half of the State. Ranchers have moved cattle off of their wheat. Native pastures were green and growing under warm temperatures; however, a timely rain is needed to sustain substantial growth. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 40 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 9 percent very short, 23 percent short, and 68 percent adequate.

#### **CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Chile planted	60	50	42	55
Cotton planted	6	NA	2	5
Cows calved	30	16	NA	NA
Cattle receiving supplemental feed	87	84	NA	NA
Ewes lambed	25	8	NA	NA
Sheep receiving supplemental feed	78	77	NA	NA
Onions				
Planted	95	90	92	94
Emerged	34	NA	NA	NA

(NA) - not available

#### PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	8	8	27	43
Poor	9	7	48	27
Fair	37	36	21	21
Good	34	36	4	9
Excellent	12	13		

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# DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.7	NA	4.5	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	5	5	52	52
Short	55	50	15	23
Adequate	40	45	33	24
Surplus				1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	7	7	33	NA
Short	25	24	15	NA
Adequate	68	69	52	NA
Surplus				NA

NA – not available

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# **CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION**

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa		1	16	46	37
Cattle and calves	1	2	40	55	2
Spring lettuce				100	
Sheep and lambs	19	17	13	51	
Winter wheat			40	50	10

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New Mexico's weather data can be accessed at the following:

 $\underline{http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\_by\_State/New\_Mexico/Publications/Crop\_Progress\_\&\_Condition/2015/NM\_Weather_04062015.pdf$